## Recognition and aid to Schools where there are similar Government institutions.

**439. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(a) Were any, and if so, which are the educational institutions that had been aided or recognised during the last 3 years in places where there were similar Government institutions?

(b) Which are these places?

(c) What was the strength of each of those Sirkar institutions when similar institutions were thus recognised or aided in the same locality?

(d) What is the present strength of each of these Sirkar and aided institutions and what amounts had been given as grants to these aided schools till the end of 1100 M. E., and what is the nature of the grants given?

**Mr. C. Matthai.**—(a), (b), (c), (d) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

## The contribution from the Excise Revenue of the State to Cranganur funds.

**440. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the contribution from the Excise Revenue of the State to the Cranganur funds;

When was the amount fixed;

Whether any increase is discernible in the Central Excise Revenue of the State annually;

If so, whether the contribution to the Cranganur funds should not also be increased?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Contribution is paid only in respect of salt revenue, and it amounts to Rs. 9,400 per annum. As regards the other items, which go to make up the Excise Revenue, Cranganur is financially autonomous.

In 1097.

Yes, but the revenue on account of salt is rather fluctuating and unsteady.

The contribution is fixed every ten years based on the population according to the Census of each decade, and the general incidence of consumption for the whole State. The arrangement is equitable and practicable, and ensures to Cranganur her due share of the revenue.

## The removal of liquor shops from Kunnamkulam Town.

**441. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**— Will the Government be pleased to mention whether the Government is aware of a public

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meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. buildings, Kunnamkulam, a few weeks ago, and that a resolution has been unanimously passed to request the Government to remove all the liquor shops from within Kunnamkulam Town limits, and whether the Government intends to give effect to that resolution, and if not, to give the reason?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Yes. The question is one which comes within the principle of local option, and the feasibility of accepting it in Cochin will be referred to the Excise Committee for consideration and report.

442. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether any reply has been given by the Government to the representations and petitions submitted by the people of Kunnamkulam for removing all liquor shops from within their Town and to give the reason, if no reply has been sent?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—No reply was given, as it was considered not necessary in view of the answer to question No. 62.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—When a petition is submitted, is it not the policy of the Government to reply?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—It depends upon circumstances. Generally it is done.

**President.**—Is it a fact?

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—It is not the practice here but other Governments do it.

**President.**—Is there any objection in giving a reply to the petitioner that his petition has been lodged or recorded so that he may seek other methods of redress, if his petition is rejected.

**Mr. P. Damodara Menon.**—There is no objection for doing that.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—The Government will do so in future, I hope.

## Rules now in vogue restricting the sale of liquor.

443. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the rules now in vogue restricting the sale of liquor to definite hours, to particular persons, etc., and the steps taken by the Government for strictly enforcing these rules?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—The rules are contained in clause 25 and 30 of the Diwan's Notification, dated 27th Kumbham 1100, a copy of which is placed on the Council

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